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Letter dated 11 November 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

The mandate of my Special Representative for the Great Lakes Region, Ibrahima Fall, will expire on 31 December 2004.

Since his appointment, Mr. Fall has pursued his efforts to help the core countries organize the international conference on the Great Lakes region. After launching the preparatory process in June 2003 in Nairobi, major progress has been made towards the convening of the conference under the auspices of the United Nations and the African Union. The first summit of heads of State is scheduled to take place from 19 to 20 November 2004 in Dar-es-Salaam. Its objective is to adopt a declaration of principles on the consolidation of security, stability and development in the Great Lakes region. It is expected that, following the first summit, a standing inter-ministerial committee will be tasked with transforming the principles and directives of the declaration into concrete plans of action for adoption at the second summit, scheduled for 2005 in Nairobi.

In view of the above, it is my intention to extend the mandate of my Special Representative for the Great Lakes Region until 31 December 2005. I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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